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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, ABLD, ASEC, UR, US
SUBJECT: U.S. DIPLOMAT SHOVED BY MILITIA AT EMBASSY
ENTRANCE

1. HAL BURMAN OF STATE DEPARTMENT'S LEGAL ADVISOR'S OFFICE WAS SHOVED THREE OR FOUR TIMES BY MILITIAMAN ON DUTY AT NORTH VEHICULAR ENTRANCE TO U.S. EMBASSY AT APPROXIMATELY 4:20 P.M. JULY 27. BURMAN (WHO HAS DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT) APPROACHED EMBASSY ON FOOT IN COMPANY OF STATE DEPARTMENT INTERPRETER IGOR KOZAK (OFFICIAL PASSPORT). MILITIAMAN ASKED FOR DOCUMENTS. WHEN BURMAN REPLIED THAT HE WAS U.S. DIPLOMAT AND WORKED IN EMBASSY, MILITIAMAN STEPPED AGGRESSIVELY TOWARD HIM AND STOOD DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF HIM. BURMAN AND KOZAK AGAIN EXPLAINED WHO THEY WERE, THE FORMER IN ENGLISH, THE LATTER IN RUSSIAN. THE MILITIAMAN SHOVED BURMAN THREE OR FOUR TIMES DESPITE THE PROTESTS OF BOTH MEN. AN EMBASSY DRIVER APPROACHED AND CONFIRMED THAT THE
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AMERICANS WORKED IN THE EMBASSY, BUT THE MILITIAMAN IGNORED HIM. ANOTHER MILITIAMAN APPROACHED, PUT HIS ARM ON THE FIRST ONE'S SHOULDER AND GESTURED FOR THE AMERICANS TO ENTER. THE FIRST MILITIAMAN PUT OUT HIS ARM TO STOP THEM AND ONLY CEASED HIS BELIGERENT BEHAVIOR WHEN THE SECOND MILITIAMAN LITERALLY DRAGGED HIM TO ONE SIDE. BURMAN PROTESTED

SHOVING VERBALLY, BUT DID NOT RESPOND PHYSICALLY TO THE PROVOCATION.

2. BURMAN AND KOZAK, WHO HAVE BEEN ON TDY AT EMBASSY SINCE JULY 2 FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR NEW CHANCERY, RECOGNIZED BOTH MILITIAMEN AS PERSONS WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ON DUTY WHEN THEY ENTERED BUILDING WITHOUT HINDERANCE. KOZAK LATER ASKED MILITIAMAN FOR HIS NAME AND WAS ANSWERED WITH RUDE REMARK.

3. EMBASSY PLANS TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT TO DELIVER STIFF PROTEST ON THIS INCIDENT JULY 27 AND RECOMMENDS DEPARTMENT DO LIKEWISE.

4. TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL. TOON

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